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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 870

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA; SAG INQUIRY ABOUT SPEAKING AT SPECIAL UNGA

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 854, (B) STATE 110047

1. IN SPITE OF THE MESSAGE PASSED TO FOURIE YESTERDAY MORNING
(APRIL 30) ADVISING HIM THAT WE BELIEVE SOUTH AFRICAN APPEARANCE
AT THE UNGA WOULD BE INADVISABLE, IT WOULD APPEAR BOTH A IS
STILL CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, HE
SURFACED THE IDEA YESTERDAY, AND THE AFTERNOON PAPERS TODAY
REPORT HE TOLD JOURNALISTS "WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR INDICATIONS
ON WHAT OUR CHANCES WOULD BE BEFORE WE MAKE A DECISION. IT'S
A QUESTION OF DECIDING TODAY OR TOMORROW."

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2. MOREOVER, BOTH A CALLED IN BRITISH AMB SCOTT AT MID-DAY
TODAY TO ASK FOR BRITISH VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SOUTH
AFRICA EXERCISING ITS RIGHT TO SPEAK AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
ACCORDING TO SCOTT, BOTH A SAID THE IDEA HAD ORIGINATED WITH
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER WHO WANTED SOUTH AFRICA TO "EXPOSE"
SAM NUJOMA AT THE UN. BOTH A REMARKED HE WOULD BE TRAVELLING
OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS AND WOULD BE "IN THE VICINITY OF NEW

YORK" ON FRIDAY, I.E.,
AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPEICAL SESSION. (BOTH A OTHERWISE
GAVE NO INDICATION OF HIS ITINERARY.) SCOTT SAID HE WAS ONLY
MILDLY DISCOURAGING WITH BOTH A AND UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT HIS
QUERY IMMEDIATELY TO LONDON.

3. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT BOTH A REALLY CONSIDERS
IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR HIM TO APPEAR AT THE UN. HE ALMOST
CERTAINLY KNOWS THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL PROBABLY BE ADJOURNED
BY FRIDAY. HE MAY HAVE SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT APPEARING BEFORE
THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IT MAY BE HOWEVER, THAT HE IS MERELY
CARRYING OUT VOERSTER'S INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPLORE THE IDEA
WITHOUT THE INTENTION OF GOING AHEAD WITH IT. IN ANY EVENT,
SINCE WE TOLD FOURIE YESTERDAY THAT THE CONTACT GROUP WOULD
TAKE UP THE MATTER AND PERHAPS HAVE FURTHER COMMENT, IT MIGHT
WELL BE WORTHWHILE FOR THE FIVE TO CONFIRM TO FOURIE THE OPINION
THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S APPEARANCE WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE.
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